

March 3, 2019



Transfiguration
SUNDAY

EVERY THOUGHT CAPTIVE
2 CORINTHIANS 10:5

AMC 
arthur mennonite church

710 East Park Street // Arthur, Illinois 61911 // 217-543-2781

Welcome!

First-time Guests

- We are glad you are here!
- Need more info about AMC? Speak with a member of the ministry team or visit our website.
- Nursery is available for children 5 and under.
- Buddy bags for older children are in the foyer.
- Large print hymnals are available.

WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Prelude singing begins at 10:20 a.m.

CHRISTIAN EDU 9:30 A.M.

ADULTS

<i>Discipleship & Mission</i>	Fell. Hall
<i>Book of Mark</i>	Room 1
<i>Stories of the Bible</i>	Room 5

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH (GRADES 9-12)

Youth House

JR HIGH YOUTH (GRADES 6-8)

Youth House

PRIMARY KIDS (AGE 2—GRADE 5)

West Basement

AMC'S VISION

Arthur Mennonite Church will be a courageous people guided by God to rely on Christian practices and to deepen our intergenerational relationships.

We will use a spectrum of spiritual gifts and embrace our welcoming atmosphere to show God's love through our actions and fearlessly share his gospel with words.

**Grow Like Mary,
Serve Like Martha**

CONNECT



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MINISTRY TEAM

Glen Rhodes (Team Leader)
Administration & Community Life

Ashley Litwiller
Worship & Youth

Lamar Miller
Outreach

Jeff Marnar
Discipling

Welcome Visitors! Are you interested in learning more about AMC? We would like to get to know you as well. Please fill this out, tear it off, and put in the offering plate this morning as it is passed. This can also be used for weekly prayer requests and answered prayer.

Name _____	I would like more info. about:
Address: _____	Adult/Child ministries _____
Phone: _____	Small Groups _____
Email: _____	Bible Studies _____
Ages of Children: _____	Service Opportunities _____
Prayer Request/Answered Prayer _____	

DISCIPLING

Women's Retreat: April 5-6

Mennonite Women USA will be holding a women's retreat focused on Sistercare April 5-6 at Menno Haven. The theme of the weekend is "Equipping women for healing ministry. Brochures and more information are available on the bulletin board in the lower foyer.



Camp Menno Haven Backyard Missionaries Needed

Camp Director Doc Johnson recently shared their need for camp backyard missionaries (counselors) this summer. If you know a college student or someone who could be one for the various kid camps this summer, call the camp and let them know. Maybe that person is you? The number is 815-646-4344.

AMC Church Retreat at Camp Menno Haven: May 3-5

This is just a reminder to get these dates on your calendar. Sign up for the weekend will begin in March sometime. Families and individuals can go up Friday night and stay through Sunday, drive up Saturday morning, or just come up for the day on the Sunday. We are hopeful that many will join us for both Saturday and Sunday. There will be no church here in Arthur that weekend.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today	9:30 am	Christian Education (classes for all ages)
	10:30 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	First Sunday Fellowship meal
	3-5pm	JrYouth at Youth House
Tuesday	All Day	WMSC Quilting
	6:00 pm	Ministry Team meeting
Wednesday	7:00 pm	HS Youth at Youth House
Thursday	3-5 pm	Coffee and Conversations at RoseLen's
	7:00 pm	Marriage Life Group
	7:00 pm	Explore Life Group
Next Sunday	9:30 am	Christian Education (classes for all ages)
	10:30 am	Worship (First Sunday of Lent)

COMMUNITY LIFE

Fellowship Meal Today

March is here and that means it is time for our First Sunday fellowship meal. Stay after worship today for great food and fellowship. Please stay even if you forgot to bring something., there is always plenty of food. Thank you to all those who help and serve during these fellowship meals. Without your help of setup, cleanup, and serving we could not have these meals each month.

Birthdays This Week

Ashley Litwiller	Monday, March 4
Conner Crabtree	Monday, March 4
Peter Kauffman	Wednesday, March 6
Gary Kauffman	Thursday, March 7
Olivia Yoder	Friday, March 8



Anniversaries This Week

Ed & Joanna Yoder	Monday, March 4
Junior & Judy Beachey	Wednesday, March 6
Mike & C.J. Yoder	Wednesday, March 6

PRAYER LIST

Praying for our Church and Community

- Paul Sieber family - Former AMC pastor passed away
- Henry and Mary Herschberger- Health.
- Edna Gingerich - Respiratory health.
- Peter Kauffman - Upcoming surgery.
- Schrock Family - House exploded recently in rural Sullivan.
- Hunter Kauffman Family - Gary & Dorothy's new grandson in NICU.
- Sammie Armstrong - Lynn M.'s mother healing from surgery.
- AMC affiliation discernment. Vote is planned for May 19.



Praying for our Nation and World

- Peace in war torn areas of our world (Syria, Yemen, Iraq, others)
- AMC Supported Missionaries around the world.
- Conflict in the country of Venezuela. Pray for the people there too.
- Pray for the divisiveness & hateful rhetoric in our country right now.
- Ongoing Immigration challenges/opportunities around the world.

ADMINISTRATION

Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale

The annual Bloomington Relief Sale is being held at the Interstate Center on March 15-16. If you have never attended it is a great experience to see how another Relief Sale functions. Their pancake and sausage breakfast on Saturday morning is one of the largest in Illinois if not the United States. For the past several years two young Amish auctioneers have been going up to help them with their Saturday auction. In past years various AMC people have taken them up. If you would be willing to give them a ride this year please see Glen Rhodes. You would leave around 6:30 am on Saturday the 16th and return in the afternoon.

Mennonite Central Committee Thank You

We are grateful for your generous support of the work of MCC, as we provide hope, healing and comfort around the world in the name of Christ. Thank you, friends and supporters at Arthur Mennonite, for the ways you contribute to the work of MCC through volunteering time, creativity and energy at thrift shops, relief sales, meat canning and in assembling material resource kits. We were also blessed by your financial support in 2018.



LAST SUNDAY

Attendance

Worship Celebration	112
Christian Education	50

Offering

Sunday, Feb 17th	\$3,729
Designations: None	
2019 Weekly Goal	\$4,529

Fellowship Meal - March 3

Kenny & Melissa Schrock
Lamar & Karen Miller
Carol Yoder
Tim Mast
Chris Mast

REMINDERS

Nursery

Today: Emily K & Erin S.
March 10: Steve & Meg Yoder

Visitor This Week:

Josephine Marner

Fellowship Group (organizers)

Pathfinders: Delmar & Linda S.
Legacy: Andy & Lynn M..
Homebuilders: Sandy S, Karen L.
Care N' Share: John & Alta Y.,
Ervin & Bernadine Y., Carol Y,
Delilah E.

Sunday Arthur Home Service

March 24: Youth & JH

Next Tues. Arthur Home Service

March 26 - Jeff M. (Legacy)

OUTREACH

Schrock Family Community Benefit

Local churches are working together through the Arthur Ministerial Association to hold a community benefit/fundraiser event for the Schrock family that recently lost so much when their house exploded. Each church is being asked to provide one person to be on this committee. If you would be willing to help with this, please see our Minister of Outreach, Lamar Miller. We will all have the opportunity to help with this fundraiser once the plans begin to take shape.

Former AMC Pastor Passes Away

Paul Sieber, who was AMC pastor from 1965 to 1977 passed away last weekend in Champaign. Paul, his wife Martha, and their family lived in the parsonage next to the church (now the Youth House) during their years of ministry here. A memorial service is being planned for later this spring and those details will be passed along when they are made available. Condolences and cards can be sent to his son Marlin's address below. Keep this family in your prayers. Marlin Sieber, 2518 North 1450 East, Mansfield, IL 61854

Keeping Up / Did You Know!

- Shelby Fredrick recently signed with Parkland College to play softball beginning next season. Shelby has been a part of the AMC Youth this year.

Did you Know....

December - February are the months with the least amount of birthdays in the U.S..

September has the most. In fact, September 9 is the most common birthday. After looking at the church calendar it appears no one at AMC has a birthday on that date.



Just For Fun



It doesn't matter what temperature the room is, it's always room temperature.

So, you bought a deck of giant novelty playing cards. Big deal!

YOUTH GROUP

JRYOUTH

TODAY

Fellowship: Art
YH @ 3 pm



HS YOUTH

Mar 6

Bible Study:
Prayer
YH @ 7pm

Winter Jam Indy Trip

March 29-30, HSYouth Girls & Sponsors will be going on an overnight trip to Indianapolis. Friday night, they will attend 2019 Winter Jam Tour and Saturday they will explore city attractions. If you are a female adult and would like to join them, please talk to Ashley or a member of Discipling Commission.

Prayer for AMC Youth

Up on the Youth Bulletin Board are labels with names of AMC HSYouth and JrYouth. We are looking for 10 more people to grab a label & pray for them regularly! Some names have already found a prayer partner so thanks to those who have begun!

WORSHIP

Lent Begins Next Sunday

Observance of the season of Lent will begin next Sunday. The theme for this Lenton season is "Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast." See the March edition of the Greater Things newsletter for more details.



Easter Choir

Worship Commission is pulling together an Easter Choir this year. They will practice in the 4 weeks leading up to Easter Sunday. If you would like to join in, let Worship Commission members know.

Lectio Divina Prayer

This morning, in line with our year theme, we will work through a type of prayer that involves scripture, silence, and reflection. If you would like more information, please ask a member of Worship Commission or Ministry Team.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Transfiguration Sunday

Today's Message: "Every Thought Captive" 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

Scripture: Luke 9:28-36; Matthew 4:1-11

Worship Leader: Andy Marnier

Intercessory Prayer: Glen Rhodes

Order of Service

Gathering Song
Congregational Information
Call to Worship and Prayer
Children's Time
Tithes & Offerings
Worship Songs
Scripture Reading
Intercessory Prayer
Lectio Divina Prayer
Message
Song of Response
Prayer of Response & Sending

A pastor will be at the front of the church for prayer after the service.

Sermon Questions

For Thought & Discussions

- ◆ What kind of thoughts fill your day?
- ◆ How can you change your thought life to be obedient to Jesus and his ways?
- ◆ What situation do you need the Lord's help in? Begin by asking Jesus to help you think about it correctly.

Going Deeper: As thousands of thoughts come to your mind this week try to write some of them down. See if there is an unhealthy pattern and ask Jesus to help you change that pattern.

Worship Notes

Snapshot of the Week



Former AMC pastor Paul Sieber shared some words with us back in 2015 during AMC's 75th anniversary celebration. Paul passed away last weekend.